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### **Pierre School District Middle School Online Programming**

Families who choose to keep their middle school aged students home will be using a platform called Edgenuity. Edgenuity is a video-based curriculum (math, language arts, science and social studies) where parents and students will be online 4-6 hours per day to monitor their own progress while completing lessons, assessments, and interactive activities. South Dakota state standards will be addressed in each content area. Expectations include: completing daily assignments and meeting deadlines. Parents/Students access the curriculum via the internet. If you do not have a device the Pierre School District will work with you to meet those needs. The courses use audio, video and text content and different types of assignments including writing assignments, projects, and graded tasks to support different learning styles.

Students will be expected to make adequate daily progress. Students have access to detailed statistics on their progress, including lesson completion percentages, a calendar of daily goal completion and scores on lessons and tests. Parents also have access to this information through a daily/weekly email from the Edgenuity platform. English Language Learners can translate a text into a specific language or select the option to hear it read aloud in their native language. More information can be found at <https://www.edgenuity.com/about-edgenuity/>

Students will be assigned a Pierre School District Middle School teacher who will serve as a learning facilitator at their grade level. Any question that a student has would be directed to their Middle School Learning Facilitator who will help each learner troubleshoot their questions.

#### **What should I do if I have a question on the content?**

There will be a middle school teacher designated as the online learning facilitators and facilitators in each content area. Email is the best way to contact these teachers, and they will work to meet the needs of each learner to assist them. Please understand that these facilitators will be teaching a normal face to face class throughout the day. Each Learning Facilitator will be available one hour

each school day. These times and contact information will be shared with all parents who register their students for online instruction.

**What if I am struggling with the online option and decide that I would like to enroll in the regular face-to-face option at GMMS?**

This will be allowed and families can establish a plan with Administration to make this transition. Edgenuity is a customizable product, which is aligned the content of each online course to mirror what is taught in the face-to-face class (as much as possible). It is critical that students stay current with the online work since the grades earned up to the transition point will follow them into the face-to-face classroom.

**Do I still have to do the required state assessment?**

Yes. Students in grades 6-8 are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment. In addition to Smarter Balanced, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will also take the South Dakota Science Assessment. Counselors and Administrators will work with parents/students to complete these during the month of April.